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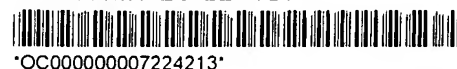
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



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Applicant : Adolf Zajber and Thomas Fest
Serial No. : 10/003,032
Filed : November 15, 2001
For : DUMMY BAR FOR A CONTINUOUS METAL CASTING PLANT,
PARTICULARLY FOR A CONTINUOUS CASTING PLANT FOR
PRELIMINARY STEEL SECTIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated
December 21, 2001 applicants submit herewith a duly executed
Declaration.

The filing fee and surcharge for late filing of a signed
Declaration is attached. A check in the amount of \$ 870.00 is
enclosed.

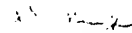
Should any additional fee be required, the Commissioner
is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to
Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

As required, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts
is attached.

To complete the claim to priority in the above-identified application under 35 USC 119, enclosed herewith is a certified copy of the **German** Patent Application No(s). **100 56 911.0** filed **November 16, 2000** upon which the priority claim is based.

Since all the missing parts have now been supplied, it is submitted that the application is now complete and in form for examination. Accordingly, such examination and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



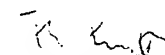
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Encls:
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Executed Declaration;
Priority Document;
Check for \$ 870.00.

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December 27, 2001



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